

**THE COMPUTER CONSERVATION SOCIETY (“CCS”)  
TREASURER’S REPORT 2015-16**

2015-16 has been a year of consolidation following the changes agreed with the BCS in the previous year. The financial health of the Society has remained good thanks to support from the BCS in line with their policy of providing an annual budget for administrative costs in support of a regular meeting programme.

Procedural changes for funding specific activities, such as the funding and costing of *Resurrection*, have been agreed and are in place for 2016-17.

***Meeting programme***

The meeting programmes at both London and Manchester have continued to be adequately funded.

***Resurrection***

Following agreement on a revised funding model for *Resurrection*, the new arrangements are now in place. The costs of printing and distribution are paid by BCS on the understanding that any increase in costs must be submitted to BCS by CCS for approval on an issue by issue cycle.

On-line copies remain free of charge to all CCS members, except that printed hard copy taken by CCS members who are not BCS members must be purchased by a nominal subscription of £10 a year (4 issues). The scheme is operated by BCS headquarters staff and CCS committee members using existing BCS on-line facilities. The CCS is most grateful to headquarters for their willingness to adapt their procedures.

***The Tony Sale Award***

With a second round of award winners held in 2014, the Tony Sale award is now established as a biennial event, and a third round of nominations and judging will be completed in November 2016.

The original grant by Google is proving adequate for this third round, and the source of funds to finance further rounds will need to be investigated if and when the time comes.

***Donations Fund***

The Donations Fund scheme whereby CCS members are invited to make annual voluntary donations continues successfully. The fund enables the CCS committee to award small grants to help rescue renovation and replica projects that get into financial difficulty. Given that projects are generally run by volunteers, such sums are often small (of the order of a few thousand pounds).

At the year end, the Donations Fund stood at about £11,500, a net increase in the year of more than £2,500.

By popular demand, the BCS has agreed to operate a scheme whereby payments can now be made by credit/debit card. Ingenious work by headquarters staff have modified the BCS on-line event booking system to take payments from members, both for donations and for subscriptions to *Resurrection*. The handling of charitable donations being made under the Gift Aid scheme is proving more difficult because transaction costs can be large in relation to the amounts involved. We shall continue to attempt to resolve this dilemma.

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